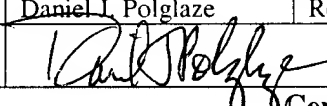


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In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, Applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

Objections

The Examiner objected to the amendment filed June 24, 2002, under 35 U.S.C. §132 asserting it "introduces new matter into the disclosure," and requires the applicant to cancel the new matter thusly identified. Applicant submits that the originally specification contains clear support for the amendment.

Specifically, the subject matter objected to in the Office Action is asserted by the Office Action as follows: (1) "the top capacitor plate includes a lateral clearance opening at the first level around the contact and does not vertically descend between the first, second and third bottom capacitor plates and the contact"; (2) "the bit line contact downwardly extends from a vertical height above a top of the first and second bottom electrodes" and (3) "wherein the top electrode includes a lateral clearance opening above the top of the first bottom electrode".

Taking these points in order, with respect to assertion (1), Applicant refers to page 13, lines 16-20 of the specification, which reads "[o]ne skilled in the art can now appreciate that, when a dielectric and top electrode are subsequently deposited, those layers will not deposit between a bottom electrode and its neighboring contact site ..." This text refers to Figure 8A, which also clearly shows the top capacitor plate not vertically descending, as is recited in the